

Hardesty and J. G. Gover, a sum of money erroneously paid.

The Speaker laid before the House the following :

BALTIMORE, Feb. 1st, 1864.

MR. SPEAKER KEMP :

With a sincere desire to accomplish a public good by asking the Legislators of our State to consider a law fraught with great good to an unfortunate class, as well as to society generally, I have sent to the members of the House the annexed invitation.

I trust it will be accepted, and that Tuesday or Wednesday evening, or if better, and so as in no degree to interfere with the business of legislation, on *next Saturday Afternoon*; will you kindly submit the Invitation, urge the propriety of its acceptance, and name the time.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

J. T. FORD.

*To the Members of the General Assembly of Maryland,*

HOLLIDAY STREET THEATRE, BALTIMORE,

February 1, 1864.

The drama of the TICKET-OF-LEAVE MAN, by Mr. Tom Taylor, of England, now being performed at this Theatre, was designed as a practical appeal in behalf of an unfortunate class, common to all communities, and as such, commends itself equally to the attention, if not to the sympathy of the philanthropist and law-maker. In this view, the undersigned has the honor to invite the Members of the General Assembly of Maryland to attend its performance at his Theatre on any evening of the present week best suited to their convenience, and which, in the event of their acceptance, he begs may be early designated to him.

Respectfully,

JOHN T. FORD.

Mr. Trail presented the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That this House regrets that the pressure of public business will prevent it from availing itself of the polite invitation of John T. Ford, Esq., to visit the Holliday Street Theatre, for the purpose of witnessing the moral drama of the Ticket-of-Leave Man ;